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July 31, 1980

Iron County Record  
Cedar City, Utah 84720

Re: Cause No. ACT/021/004

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a Notice of Hearing/Order to Show Cause, before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah.

It is requested that this notice be published ONCE ONLY, as soon as possible but no later than the 1st day of August, 1980. In the event that said notice cannot be published by August 1, 1980, please notify this office immediately by calling 533-5771.

Upon completion of this request, please send proof of publication and statement of cost, in duplicate, to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1588 West North Temple, Salt lake City, Utah 84116.

Sincerely,

Tamara Edge  
Secretary

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
in and for the STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE	)	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE/
NOTICE OF INTENT AND RECLAMATION PLAN	)	NOTICE OF HEARING
SUBMITTED BY RANCHERS EXPLORATION AND	)	NO. ACT/021/004
DEVELOPMENT COPORATION, IRON COUNTY,	)	
UTAH.	)	

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 17 WEST, SLBM, IRON COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given that tentative approval was given by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, on August <sup>21</sup>1, 1980, to Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation, 1776 Montano Road, N.W., Box 6217, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87197, to commence underground mining operation for silver ore in portions of Section 2, Township 36 South, Range 17 West, Iron County, Utah. The name of the mine is the Escalante Silver Mine, and the person representing the company in this matter is Mr. Mark Welch, Chief Engineer, Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation, 1776 Montano Road, N.W., Box 6217, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87197.

Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation had fulfilled obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 (Section 40-8, U.C.A., 1953, as amended), and will employ the following reclamation techniques on approximately 80 acres of leased claims.

During Operations:

1. Access will be via existing roads to the mine area. Several short access roads in the mine area will be constructed.
2. Mining will be conducted in a safe, orderly, and workman like manner.
3. Dewatering of the mine workings will be done using a series of vertical turbine pumps. The mine water will be pumped to the surface and discharged into two canals, one to the north and one to the south. The majority will be discharged to the south for natural recharge into Shoal Creek at a rate of approximately 22,000 gallons per minute starting in early 1981.
4. Several buildings will be constructed on-site including an ore processing mill, ancillary facilities, and a tailings disposal area.
5. All topsoil removed will be stockpiled and used for reclamation.



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After Operations:

1. The operator has committed to comply with all applicable reclamation standards adopted under the Utah Mine Land Reclamation Act.
2. Buildings, trash and debris will be removed as required and the portals will be sealed.
3. The disturbed surfaces will be harrowed, broadcast seeded with a diverse seed mixture, and reseeded if necessary.

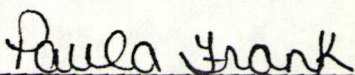
Reclamation performance surety will be established upon final approval of the mining and reclamation plan.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby requested to submit written protest within 30 days of August 7, 1980, to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1588 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, setting forth factual reasons for his complaint.

If you and each of you have any objection to said application, you are requested to notify the Division on or before Tuesday, August 9, 1980, and thereafter appear before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, in the Wildlife Resources Auditorium, 1596 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Wednesday, August 20, 1980, at that time and place to show cause, if any there be, why said application should not be granted.

DATED this 1st day of August, 1980.

STATE OF UTAH  
BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING



PAULA FRANK  
Secretary of the Board

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